

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 610, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Controlled Substances Prescriptions		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 610, as amended, amends Section 44-53-360 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to controlled substances prescriptions. The Bill allows a pharmacist to fill a prescription for up to a 90-day supply of any controlled substance in Schedules III and IV (as well as Schedule V, as provided in current law). The Bill authorizes a pharmacist to also accept facsimiles (as well as written and oral prescriptions, as provided in current law) for controlled substances in Schedules III through V, as long as certain information is provided; and the Bill requires the pharmacist to record certain information from a recipient's personal identification documents before releasing any Schedule II through V medication. The Bill extends the time period within which a prescription for Schedule II substances may be filled; from 60 days to 90 days of the date of issue. (After 90 days the prescription is void).

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Health & Environmental Control, the Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Mental Health all indicate that this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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